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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
AUGUST 3, REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE:
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3.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, TH, CB
SUBJECT: ATTACK ON BPP INSTALLATION SURIN PROVINCE

1. CONSUL FINNEY AND EA/BNLC DIRECTOR BROWNP, ACCOMPANIED BY
BPP REGION III HEADQUARTERS S-2, VISITED JULY 31 BPP COMPANY 2,
LOCATED IN KAP CHEUN SUBDISTRICT, SURIN PROVINCE, TO OBSERVE
AFTERMATH OF ATTACK BY REPORTED 200 KHMER SOLDIERS RESULTING
IN FIVE BPP KIA AND FOUR DEPENDENTS KIA EARLY MORNING JULY 24.

2. DURING COURSE OF OUR VISIT THE BPP REGION III S-2 AND A
BPP MAJOR, WHO IS FORMER COMPANY 2 COMMANDER AND WHO WAS PRESENT
DURING ATTACK, EXPRESSED PRIVATE OPINION THAT ATTACKING FORCE MAY
HAVE ACTUALLY CONSISTED PRINCIPALLY OF THAI COMMUNIST INSURGENTS
ASSISTED BY A FEW CAMBODIAN SOLDIERS WHO HAD BEEN PROVIDING TRAINING
TO INSURGENTS AT CPT TRAINING CAMP LOCATED INSIDE CAMBODIAN BORDER
APPROXIMATELY VQ15 KILOMETERS FROM SCENE OF INCIDENT.

3. BPP REGION III S-2 AND BPP MAJOR BASED THEIR OPINION
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PRINCIPALLY ON FACT THAT, ACCORDING TO BPP TROOPERS, MANY OF
ATTACKERS SPOKE THAI LANGUAGE. ALSO, THEY NOTED THAT SEVERAL
ASPECTS OF TACTICS EMPLOYED BY ATTACKING FORCE INDICATES THAT
ATTACKERS WERE A GUERRILLA UNIT RATHER THAN A KHMER ARMY UNIT.

4. COMMENT: REGARDLESS OF THE ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF THE
ATTACKING FORCE, RELATIVELY LIGHT DAMAGE INFLICTED ON BPP COMPANY 2

INSTALLATIONS SUPPEST THAT ATTACKERS PROBABLY NUMBERED
NO MORE THAN A SQUAD OR TWO. THEY APPEARED TO BE ARMED
PRIMARILY WITH SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BACKED BY SEVERAL
B-40 ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND/OR M-79'S. SIGNED FINNEY.
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